



# CATAWBA COUNTY

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## FEED THE CHILDREN DELIVERS FOR CATAWBA COUNTY'S RESOURCE FAMILIES

HICKORY, N.C. — Approximately 72 Resource Families in Catawba County got a little extra help recently in caring for the county's foster children, thanks to Feed the Children.

This Oklahoma-based charity delivered 400 boxes of food and 400 boxes of personal care items to the county's Resource Families, who care for children in the custody of Catawba County Social Services.

Feed the Children has been providing this assistance for about 15 years, according to Marjorie Manko, an adoption

social worker with Family Builders, the unit of Social Services that manages adoptions and foster care. The tradition began as a way for the owners of Goldtoe Moretz to exchange Christmas gifts with Kathy Ireland, a spokesperson for the company and personal friend. Rather than exchanging items they didn't need, they decided to donate to charity. John and Marilyn Moretz selected Catawba County's foster children as the group that should receive the assistance.



*Feed the Children, a charity based in Oklahoma, recently donated food and personal care items to Catawba County's Resource Families, who care for the county's foster children. Volunteers from Family Builders and the City of Conover helped load the boxes.*

Following in that tradition, Goldtoe Moretz distributed free socks to the foster families. Employees of Family Builders and the City of Conover helped load the boxes of donated items. The Top Cats cheerleaders for the Panthers football team were on hand to meet with the families.

Feed the Children is a Christian, international, nonprofit relief organization with headquarters in Oklahoma City, Okla., that delivers food, medicine, clothing and other necessities to individuals, children and families who lack these essentials due to famine, war, poverty or natural disasters. In FY 2010, Feed The Children distributed more than 133 million pounds of food and other essentials to children and their families in all 50 states and internationally.

Additional Resource Families are needed. For more information on how to become a foster parent, contact Family Builders at 828-465-8901 or go to [www.familybuilderscv.org](http://www.familybuilderscv.org).